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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a satisfied customer of a local internet provider in Berkeley California, and am thrilled that they are making fiber internet available, and providing an alternative to the big telecom companies (ATT & Comcast) that have had a stranglehold on local markets for years, and have been instrumental in delaying the rollout of gigabit-level service. I need fast internet for my work as a professor, and having choices of providers has been very important for me in selecting the best service to meet my needs.

It's amazing that a town like Berkeley, in the heart of the tech development region, only has gigabit service beginning late in 2018. Please don't send us back to the dark ages! More competition is better, and I steadfastly oppose the USTelecom petition.

Thank you!

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